

HOUSE BILL 973

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline – Distribution of Information**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to provide certain
4 students with the telephone number of the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline in
5 certain ways; requiring certain schools to hold a certain school assembly at a
6 certain time each year; requiring certain students and school personnel to
7 attend a certain school assembly; requiring certain schools to send certain
8 information about the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline to the parents or
9 guardians of certain students at a certain time each year; and generally relating
10 to the distribution of information about the Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline in
11 public schools.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Education

14 Section 7–430

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Education**

20 **7–430.**

21 **(A) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL PROVIDE EACH STUDENT IN THE 6TH**
22 **THROUGH 12TH GRADES WITH THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE MARYLAND**
23 **YOUTH CRISIS HOTLINE BY:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) PRINTING THE TELEPHONE NUMBER PROMINENTLY IN THE**
2 **SCHOOL HANDBOOK;**

3 **(2) PRINTING THE TELEPHONE NUMBER ON A STUDENT'S**
4 **SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION CARD, IF PROVIDED; AND**

5 **(3) POSTING THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IN MULTIPLE PROMINENT**
6 **LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT EACH SCHOOL BUILDING.**

7 **(B) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO A SCHOOL THAT ENROLLS**
8 **STUDENTS IN THE 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADES.**

9 **(2) EACH SCHOOL SHALL HOLD A SCHOOL-WIDE ASSEMBLY**
10 **DURING THE FIRST MONTH OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR TO PRESENT INFORMATION**
11 **ON:**

12 **(I) THE AVAILABILITY, USES, AND PURPOSE OF THE**
13 **MARYLAND YOUTH CRISIS HOTLINE; AND**

14 **(II) HOW TO CONTACT THE MARYLAND YOUTH CRISIS**
15 **HOTLINE.**

16 **(3) (I) ATTENDANCE AT THE ASSEMBLY CONDUCTED UNDER**
17 **PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE MANDATORY FOR ALL**
18 **STUDENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL.**

19 **(II) ANY STUDENT OR SCHOOL PERSONNEL ABSENT FROM**
20 **THE ASSEMBLY SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A MAKEUP PRESENTATION.**

21 **(C) (1) EACH SCHOOL SHALL SEND TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF**
22 **ANY STUDENT IN THE 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADES INFORMATION ABOUT THE**
23 **MARYLAND YOUTH CRISIS HOTLINE, INCLUDING:**

24 **(I) THE TELEPHONE NUMBER;**

25 **(II) WHO MAY USE THE HOTLINE, INCLUDING ADULTS AND**
26 **ADOLESCENTS;**

27 **(III) THE PURPOSE AND USES OF THE HOTLINE; AND**

28 **(IV) INFORMATION ON HOW A PARENT OR GUARDIAN CAN**
29 **DISCUSS THE INFORMATION WITH THE CHILD.**

1 **(2) THE INFORMATION SENT TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF**
2 **STUDENTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SENT EACH**
3 **YEAR BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 July 1, 2010.